insure stocky seedlings. Do not use heavy shade. Beware of over-watering during the early stages of growth before roots get down into the pots, as the plants will do a lot better on the dry side.

When seed are picked allow them to dry, and they may then be planted immediately. However, they can be stored and planted in the spring - April for example. When the first set of true leaves appear begin to fertilize. It is best to use a soluble plant food, which gives you regulated dosage and will not burn. Use at one-half recommended strength. Spray on plants or pour gently on mix twice each week. Fertilizer solution can be increased to full strength after the first month of growth.

Your plants should be about one inch high at end of the first month, four inches in 60 days. When four to five inches tall, tips may be pinched out to induce branching, and should now be transplanted to gallon size, or larger cans, or to prepared raised beds in the ground, spacing at a distance of 12 inches each way. Bloom will begin in eight months, with excellent care and full protection against insects, subject to the genetic abilities of the parents; and most will bloom the second summer. Applications of potash will tend to force bloom on mature, old unbloomed seedlings.

We of the hybridizing committee sincerely wish you success and the fullest enjoyment in your creative undertaking. May all the elements of action, suspense, and surprise, and the partnership of you and a supernatural power bless you.

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Wife: "I was a fool when I married you."
Husband: "I guess you were, but I was so infatuated at the time that I didn't notice it."

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If we were cannibalistic, we could eat the tax collector when taxes got higher than the cost of food.

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SHOW REPORTS

GULF COAST - Venice

The Gulf Coast Chapter, in their first show, wound up with 83 gold seals and 45 amateur entrants.

Sweepstakes:
Maryse Miller of Bradenton - Amateur; O. H. Hinson of St. Petersburg - Collector; Trail Nursery of Ft. Myers - Commercial.

Tri-Colors:
Amateur Single - "Golden Dent" by C. V. Greene
Amateur Double - "Brown Derby" by L. G. Linn
Commercial Single - "High Society" by Homestead Nursery
Collector Single - "Happiness" by M. J. Gallentine
Collector Double - "Coppertone" by O. H. Hinson
Old Timer Single - "Mrs Johnson" by Charles Schmidt of Lake Worth
Old Timer Double - "Jane Cowl" by Paul Lanius
Miniature Single - "#218 Seedling" by Basil Yettaw
Miniature Double - "Rosette" by O. H. Hinson
Seedling - "Careless Love" by Harry Goulding

The best bloom of the show was Harry Goulding's "Carless Love" which also took best collector award. Best commercial bloom was "High Society" grown by Homestead Nursery. The best amateur bloom was "Jane Cowl" grown by the president of Gulf Coast chapter, Mr. Paul Lanius.

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HALIFAX - Daytona Beach

Halifax Chapter had 94 gold seals from which to pick the tri-color winners. They had 52 amateurs to enter bloom in their show.

Sweepstakes:
Carver & Roxy's Nursery - Commercial; Tex L'Argent - Collector; Jean Hill - Amateur.

Tri-Colors:
Amateur Single - "Bride" by May L. Quattlebaum

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